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- (b) optionally removing water and unreacted alcohol from the pre-esterification product,
- (c) further reacting the pre-esterification product from step (a) or (b) with additional lower alcohol to form a post-esterification reaction product having an acid value of from about 0.1 to about 0.5.
- 2. (amended) The process of claim 1 wherein the triglyceride is a compound of the formula (i):

R3CO-O

R1CO-OCH2CHCH2OCOR2

(I)

wherein each of R<sup>1</sup>CO, R<sup>2</sup>CO and R<sup>3</sup>CO is a linear and/or branched, saturated and/or unsaturated acyl group having from 6 to 24 carbon atoms and having up to 3 double bonds.